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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 1

District 1: **will be closed.**

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 2017:**

Section 3-A: **will be open** with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62' N. latitude, 132°58.33' W. longitude to Shoe Island Light to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Hetta Inlet, Sukkwan Straits, and contiguous waters: **will be closed north of the northernmost tip of Round Point at 55°07.63' N. latitude;**

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of Kassa Point at 132°31.62' W. longitude;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed north of 54°57.20' N. latitude at the southernmost entrance to Max Cove;

Max Cove: all waters will be closed;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of the northernmost tip of Nutkwa Point located at 55°04.28' N. latitude.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Desconocida located at 55°41.64' N. latitude, 133°31.71' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island at 55°39.31' N. latitude, 133°25.16' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Blanquizar Point **to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island to the westernmost tip of Madre de Dios Island at 55°23.65' N. latitude, 133°09.67' W. longitude to Point Bataan at 55°22.90' N. latitude, 133°11.15' W. longitude** with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo at 55°20.81' N. latitude, 133°21.42' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55°21.52' N. latitude, 133°16.20' W. longitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 2017:**

District 4: will be open.

District 5

District 5: **will be closed.**

District 9

Section 9-A: **will be closed.**

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2017:**

Port Camden: will be open south of the latitude of Point Camden.

Section 9-B: will be open **south of the latitude of Meade Point** with the following restrictions:

Keku Strait: will be closed;

Saginaw Bay: **will be closed;**

Rowan Bay: will be closed east of a line from 56°39.10' N. latitude, 134°16.62' W. longitude to 56°39.47' N. latitude, 134°17.25' W. longitude;

Bay of Pillars: will be closed east of a line from Point Ellis to Point Ellis Light to a point between Rowan Bay and Bay of Pillars at 56°37.42' N. latitude, 134°16.62' W. longitude;

Gedney Harbor: will be closed east of a line from Swaine Point to Point Cosmos.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 2017:**

Section 9-B: will be open **south of the latitude Point Ellis** with the following restriction:

Gedney Harbor: will be closed north and east of a line from Swaine Point to Point Cosmos.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2017:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Baranof Island, Catherine Island and the Hidden Falls THA: **will be closed.**

Point Augusta: will be open within 2 nautical miles from the Chichagof Island shoreline and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located 1 nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Chichagof Island: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline south of East Point at 57°48.33' N. latitude and north of Point Hayes, including the waters of Tenakee Inlet;

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39' N. latitude and north of Parker Point at 57°36.73' N. latitude, and south of the latitude of Point Samuel (Hood Bay, Chaik Bay, Whitewater Bay, and Wilson Cove to normal markers).

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 2017:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

Stag Bay: will be closed southeast of a line from 57°55.00' N. latitude, 136°18.28' W. longitude to 57°54.79' N. latitude, 136°18.79' W. longitude;

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed south of 57°52.68' N. latitude.

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Klag Bay, Lake Anna, and Sisters Lake: will be closed east of a line from 57°36.95' N. latitude, 136°06.42' W. longitude to 57°36.68' N. latitude, 136°05.92' W. longitude;

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.01' W. longitude;

Goulding Harbor: will be closed east of 136°14.17' W. longitude.

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point with the following restrictions:

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point;

Fish Bay: will be closed east of 135°35.16' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: **will be closed.**

District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2017:**

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point.

Section 14-C: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Excursion Inlet and contiguous waters: will be open in those waters north of the northernmost tip of the Porpoise Islands at 58°20.68' N. latitude and south of Sawmill Point at 58°27.12' N. latitude, including the waters of Sawmill Bay.

Based on aerial surveys, purse seine harvests, and pink salmon sex ratios, the department is announcing that the September 1 & September 2 opening will likely be the last directed pink salmon opening of the 2017 season. The department will continue to monitor fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum salmon fishing opportunities.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: **For all Southeast Alaska waters, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length MAY NOT be retained and sold.** King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Sunday, September 3, 2017.**

Copies of the "2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6317.

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ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830		784-3255
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Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 35
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 30, 2017.

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	500	900	35,000	600	37,000	15
District 3	0	3,000	2,500	175,000	6,000	186,500	20
District 4	0	7,500	1,400	225,000	4,000	237,900	25
Section 9-B	0	300	1,000	75,000	2,500	78,800	8
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	75	1,100	27,000	900	29,075	5
Tenakee/Basket Bay	0	90	1,500	64,000	1,600	67,190	9
W. Admiralty shore	0	300	3,000	94,000	3,500	100,800	13
SW Admiralty shore	0	250	900	58,000	4,200	63,350	9
Section 13-A	0	300	500	400,000	2,000	402,800	35
Excursion Inlet	0	150	400	7,700	19,000	27,250	15
Total	0	12,465	13,200	1,160,700	44,300	1,230,665	154

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	33	60	2,333	40	2,467
District 3	0	150	125	8,750	300	9,325
District 4	0	300	56	9,000	160	9,516
Section 9-B	0	38	125	9,375	313	9,850
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	15	220	5,400	180	5,815
Tenakee/Basket Bay	0	10	167	7,111	178	7,466
W. Admiralty shore	0	23	231	7,231	269	7,754
SW Admiralty shore	0	28	100	6,444	467	7,039
Section 13-A	0	9	14	11,429	57	11,509
Excursion Inlet	0	10	27	513	1,267	1,817

Confidential: District 5, Section 9-A, and Sitka 12-A.

No reported harvest: Section 13-B.
